

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111  
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2. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the sucked liquid is discharged together with air.

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8. (Amended) An apparatus for stirring a liquid in a container, comprising:  
a container in which a liquid is contained; and  
a means for sucking a part of the liquid from the container and for discharging the sucked liquid into liquid remaining in the container,  
wherein the container opens at the top thereof, and  
wherein the means horizontally moves so that the liquid is discharged into the container at a position different from that where the liquid has been sucked from the container to thereby stir the liquid.

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